



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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Taken during a misty morning on Thursday, November 6, 2003, this aerial view of the southern half of the CVC project site shows the progress of steel erection, now visible in front of the East Front Center Steps. Also visible at the eastern-most edge of the steel framing near the center of the photo is the large opening for one of two grand skylights that will allow natural light to fill the Great Hall while providing visitors views of the Capitol Dome. Two smaller skylight openings, now surrounded by steel decking, can be seen closer to the Capitol building.

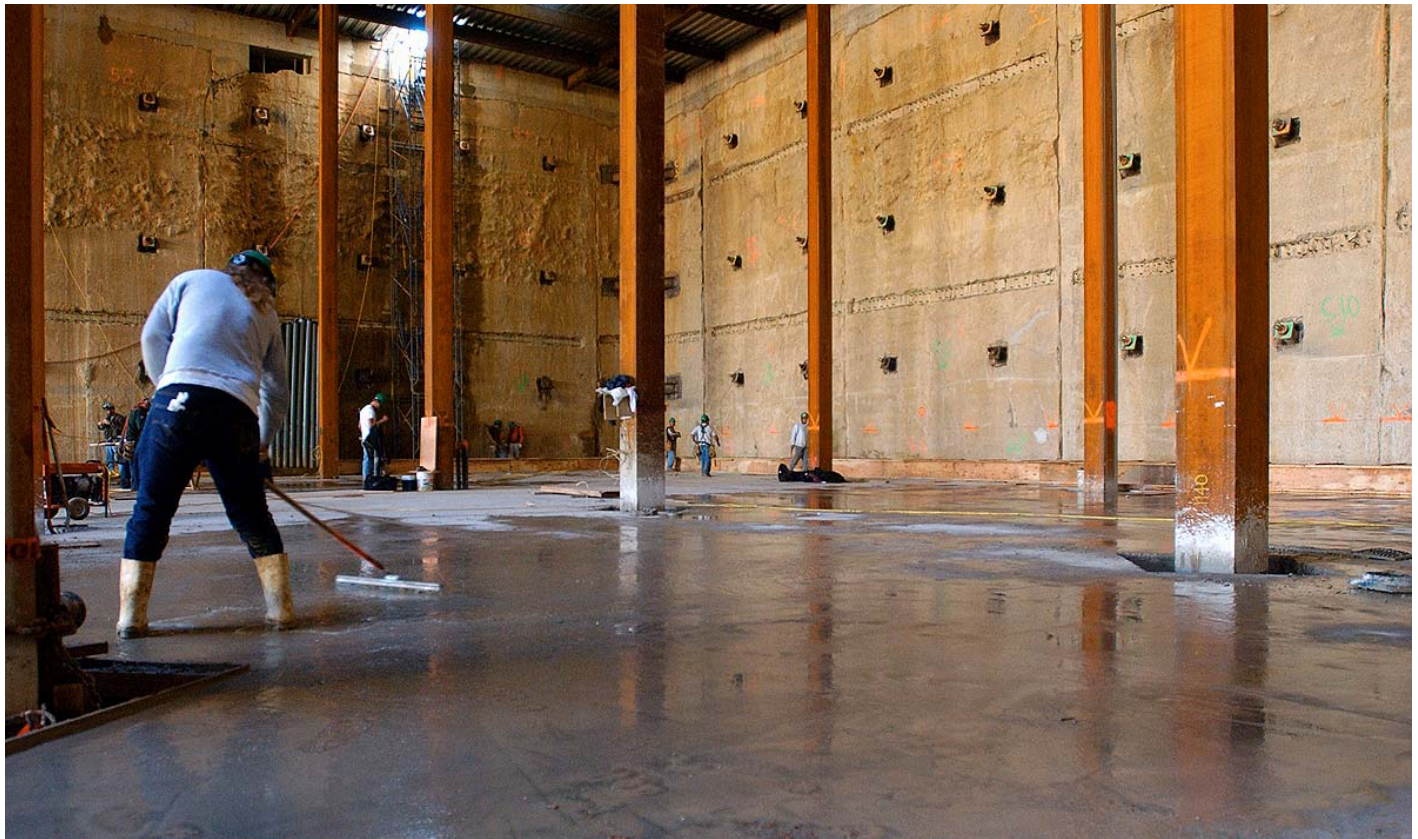
This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/10/03 through 11/14/03

East Front Plaza Highlights:

- Crews are expected to complete the fourth concrete placement on the CVC roof deck.
- The second concrete placement will occur for the floor slab in the southwest quadrant (*see photo on page 2*).
- Steel crews will continue to erect columns and secure crossbeams in the central portion of the CVC site.
- Crews will continue to drill and install concrete caissons in the northern half of the site.
- Close to 500,000 cubic yards (50,000 truckloads) of material have been removed from the site since excavation began August 2002.

East Front Extension (Inside the Capitol)

- Demolition of structural elements continues on several levels within the East Front. The work will clear the way for the transition zone between the CVC and the Capitol, which will include escalators, stairwells and two 25-passenger elevators.



On Friday, November 7, crews completed the first concrete placement for the floor slab in the southwest quadrant of the CVC site. The horizontal notches in the walls indicate the locations of the floor slabs for the middle and upper levels of the House expansion space.

Senate Side (Truck Tunnel Zone)

Truck Tunnel Construction:

- CVC truck tunnel construction work continues on the East Front Plaza adjacent to and within the Senate triangular parking area, along Constitution Avenue NW, and along the east side of New Jersey Avenue NW between Constitution Avenue and C Street NW. Excavation is approximately 85 percent complete in this zone.
- Crews have begun assembling steel rebar across the tunnel opening in preparation of a concrete roof deck.

Next Week – 11/17/03 - 11/21/03

East Front Plaza Work

- Crews will continue to erect steel columns and crossbeams, install roof decking, lay rebar and place concrete atop the decking and on grade in the southern half of the site.
- Installation of caissons will continue in the northern half of the site.
- Installation of utilities and storm drainage pipes will continue throughout the site.

East Front (Inside the Capitol Building)

- Demolition of structural elements will continue on all levels within the East Front Extension and in the Carriageway below the center steps.

Senate Side

- CVC truck tunnel work will continue in all areas of the tunnel construction zone.

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